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SUBJ: LEBANESE ARMY IN SOUTH LEBANON: ACCOUNT OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY OF THE PRIME MINISTER

1. ON JUNE 12 EMBOFF MET WITH ABDUL RAHMAN SHAYKA, PRIVATE SECRETARY OF THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO SAID THE FOLLOWING:

2. ARAFAT IN MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER AL HOSS ON JUNE 8 HAD REPEATED THAT THE PLO WOULD BE "WELL BEHAVED" TOWARD THE LEBANESE ARMY IF IT MOVED SOUTH. HE HAD ALSO REPEATED THAT THE PLO WOULD COOPERATE WIT UNIFIL.

3. ACCORDING TO SHAYKA, THE ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE TO DEPLOYMENT SOUTH OF THE LEBANESE ARMY WAS THEREFORE THE SA'AD HADDAD PROBLEM. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED THAT THEY WOULD POSTPONE DEALING WITH HIM UNTIL DEPLOYMENT OF THE ARMY SOUTH.
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4. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS HAD TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE GOL SHOULD EXPEL OFFICERSOF THE LEBANESE ARAB ARMY FROM THE LEBANESE ARMY, SHAYKA SAID. HOSS HAD REPLIED THAT HE AGREED, PROVIDED THAT SA'AD HADDAD, SAMI SHIDIAC, ANTOINE BARAKAT AND OTHER CHRISTIAN EXTREMISTS WERE ALSO EXPELLED. THE LEBANESE FRONT HAD PROPOSED THAT PURAKAT AND OTHERS BE

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POSTED ABROAD AS ATTACHES INSTEAD OF BEING EXPELLED. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD REJECTED THIS OUT OF HAND. AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT EXPEL MEMBERS OF THE LEBANESE ARAB ARMY UNLESS EXTREMIST CHRISTIAN OFFICERS WERE ALSO EXPELLED, SHAYKA SAID.
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